shifted to better sites and new sites should be acquired for formation of extension with proper drainage, sanitation, etc.

(2) To enable people of the community, who are desperately poor, help should be given from Government for building houses by way of free grant of timber, etc., and some monetary help for purchase of other building materials.

(3) Similar assistance from Government should be afforded for remodelling and improving existing houses, thatched roofing being replaced by tiled roofing, wherever necessary, so as to minimise risk by fire.

(4) In places where no facilities exist at present for bathing, bathing places as near the village wells as possible should be constructed so that men and women may be encouraged to bathe as often as possible and maintain personal cleanliness.

(5) Bhajana Mândirams should be provided for the members of this community, where they could meet for Bhajana, etc., and improve their moral, religious and social condition.

(6) Sufficient funds should be placed at the disposal of the Deputy Commissioners, so that in case of accidental fire in which members of this community are seriously affected and are left helpless, gratuitous relief could be afforded with the least possible delay.

(7) More industrial centres should be opened by the Industrial Department for the benefit of this community, so that they may be enabled to pursue some cottage industry suited to their condition and thereby improve their economic position.

2. After examining the needs of each district with reference to the schemes that are either ready or are under contemplation, the Revenue Commissioner considers that a sum of Rs. 75,000 would be enough for expenditure on the above objects during the current year.

3. Government are in full sympathy with the resolution of the Committee and agree with the Revenue Commissioner that the measures proposed are very desirable. They are accordingly pleased to sanction the above proposals and to sanction a sum of Rs. 75,000 for this year for the purpose.

4. The Revenue Commissioner is requested to distribute the amount among the several districts according to the needs of each district and to see that it is utilised fully before the end of the year, for the various objects indicated, and submit a report about the 25th May 1945, how the amount now sanctioned has been utilised.

5. He is further requested to submit, about April next, proposals for the funds required for next year.

6. The grant sanctioned for this purpose will be separately exhibited and accounted for.

7. A demand for an additional grant of Rs 75,000 will be placed before the Legislative Council at its next Session.

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EDUCATION SECRETARIAT.

Directs that Picharas and Pinjaris should come under the Muslim community and not under Depressed Classes.

READ—

Government Order No. 2200-50—Edn. 42-17-39, dated 29th August 1917, approving of the draft rules, apportionment of funds among the several districts and forms of application in respect of backward class scholarships.

2. Government Order No. E. 3410—Edn. 309 43-2, dated 2nd May 1934, directing that "Pichara" community be included among "Depressed Classes."

3. Government Order No E. 72—Edn. 87-40, dated 8th July 1943, directing, among others, that Picharas be grouped with Adikarnatakas in connection with the award of Depressed Class Scholarships on population basis.

4. Correspondence ending with letter No. D. 3-459-26 of 43-44, dated 13th November 1944, from the Director of Public Instruction regarding inclusion of Pinjaris under Depressed Classes.

ORDER NO. E. 3611-3—EDN. 135-43 8, DATED BANGALORE, THE 23RD JANUARY 1945.

In the appendix to Government Order No. 2200-50, dated 29th August 1917, read above, Pinjaris are included among Hindus. Picharas are included among Dipressed Classes as per Government Orders, dated 2nd May 1934 and 8th July 1943, read above.

It is now reported that Picharas and Pinjaris belong to the same caste, *i.e.*, Muslims but to different sects, the usual profession of the former being mat-making out of date leaves, while that of the latter is bed stitching.

As the Picharas and Pinjaris form only sub-sects of the Muslim community, Government consider that they should come under the Muslim community only and not under Depressed Classes and they accordingly direct that the Government Orders read above be modified in this respect.

N. S. HIRANNAYYA, *Edn. Secy.*

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